

Wilson County 4-H



NEWSLETTER

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2020-2021 CHALLENGE

“New Path Forward”

County Updates

STATE FAIR BROILER ORDERS DUE

Order Deadline: May 4, 2021 by 5 p.m.

Cost: \$1.50/bird*

Exhibitors wanting to show Broilers at State Fair must order broilers through the Extension Office.

***Note:** Price is based on last year and subject to change.

TURKEY ORDERS DUE

Order Deadline: May 4, 2021 by 5 p.m.

Cost: \$4.25/bird*

Exhibitors wanting to show turkeys at Wilson County Junior Livestock Show, La Vernia Junior Livestock Show, and/or any Major Livestock show in 2022 must order turkeys through the Extension Office.

***Note:** Price is based on last year and subject to change.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

When: May 5, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Where: Extension Annex Classrooms
1103 4th Street, Floresville

Theme: Summer Vacation

Join us IN PERSON at our next County Council meeting! We'll be voting for 2021-2022 Council Officers and other fun activities!

The Wilson County Council serves to develop leadership, to promote and encourage 4-H participation and to coordinate 4-H activities in the county. All 4-H members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

ADULT BOOSTER MEETING

When: May 12, 2021 @ TBD

Where: TBD

ALL adult leaders, parents, and 4-H Volunteers are encouraged to attend!

Scholarship, Awards, and Parade Representative winners will be voted on.

The Wilson County Adult Boosters is designed to promote, encourage and assist the Wilson County 4-H Program. Every year the Adult Boosters raise money for scholarships, educational programming, 4-H equipment and supplies, expenses related to 4-H competitions, and much more!

4-H RECORDBOOK TRAINING

When: May 17, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Where: Extension Annex Classrooms
1103 4th Street, Floresville

RSVP: [ONLINE](#)

New to recordbooks? Not sure how to complete a recordbook? Or do you just want to brush up on your recordbook skills? Come one, come all to this training all about recordbooks!

MUST RSVP! Due to potential space limitations, we need everyone to RSVP to be sure we have enough space!

For more information and to RSVP, visit:
<https://counties.agrilife.org/wilson/event/4-h-recordbook-training/>

County Updates

STATE FAIR (SPRING) HEIFER ORDERS DUE

Order Deadline: May 20, 2021

Order Online: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/4-h/livestock-shows/>

Heifer exhibitors planning to show at State Fair and/or Heart of Texas MUST validate the animal in June. All other exhibitors for any other major show, WCJLS, or LVJLS may also validate at this time.

NOTE: Once validated, heifers remain eligible through their show career unless they change breed or ownership. There is no need to re-validate a heifer if breed or ownership is not being changed.

You may purchase tags online or in person at the Extension Office. For more information, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/4-h/livestock-shows/>

LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS DUE

Applications Due: June 1, 2021

Apply Online: [CLICK HERE](#)

Interview Date: June 15, 2021

Wilson County Livestock Ambassadors are intermediate and senior aged 4-H members with at least 3 years experience with a livestock species. Ambassadors serve to help others with their livestock projects, assist in developing Weigh Day Play Day activities, and help with Livestock validations.

For more information, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/4-h-wilson-county-livestock-ambassador-applications-due/>

STAR AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE

Due: June 1, 2021

Apply Online: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/award-applications-due/>

***Interview Date:** June 15, 2021

4-H members wanting to apply for the following awards must turn in an application:

- ✓ Gold Star
- ✓ Golden Clover
- ✓ Green Clover
- ✓ Rookie of the Year
- ✓ I DARE You
- ✓ Silver Star
- ✓ Bronze Star

*Members must be present at award interviews to apply. The interview date is June 15, 2021.

For more information about each award and qualifications, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/award-applications-due/>

RECORDBOOK RESCUE

When: June 1, 2021 3– 7 p.m.

Where: Extension Annex Classrooms
1103 4th Street, Floresville

Recordbook Rescue will be a come-and-go style help session for any member needing help with their recordbooks. No appointment necessary, stop by the Extension Classrooms anytime between 3-7 p.m. Bring your computer or print out your books to bring with you.

For more information about recordbooks, visit: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>

County Updates

COUNTY RECORDBOOKS DUE

Due: June 14, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.
Where: Extension Annex Classrooms
1103 4th Street, Floresville

Completion vs. Competitive

Completion

4-H members should turn in a completion recordbook if they DO NOT wish to compete at the county contest. This is ideal for members needing to complete a recordbook to meet requirements for projects, officer positions, etc. but are not interested in competing with their books. Recordbooks will still be evaluated for true completion of the book.

Competitive

4-H members should turn in a competitive recordbook if they DO wish to compete at the county contest with the chance to qualify for district. These recordbooks will be judged at County recordbook judging.

ALL recordbooks are still due by the deadline regardless of completion or competitive. Late recordbooks WILL NOT be accepted.

For more information about county recordbooks, please visit: <http://counties.agrilife.org/wilson/event/county-recordbooks-due/>

COUNTY RECORDBOOK JUDGING

Judges NEEDED!

When: June 18, 2021 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
June 19, 2021 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Where: Extension Annex Classrooms
1103 4th Street, Floresville

RSVP: June 16, 2021 [CLICK HERE](#)

If there are not enough judges to judge County recordbooks, those that have not been judged will not qualify for District.

Volunteers are needed to judge recordbooks.
Who can judge recordbooks?

- Adult Volunteers
- Senior 4-H Members
- Former 4-H members
- Parents (this is a great way to learn what recordbooks should look like!)

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED! Please [RSVP](#) so we can order your lunch.

County Updates

STATE FAIR SHEEP & GOAT VALIDATION

Deadline: June 21, 2021 @ 10 a.m.
Where: Wilson County Expo Center
435 TX-97, Floresville
LATE Tags: \$35 now thru June 3, 2021
\$50 day of validation

All exhibitors wishing to participate at the State Fair of Texas with Market Lambs and/or Market Goats MUST order validate the animal.

NEW: The State Fair of Texas is participating in the Breeding Sheep & Goat validation program this year, please make orders accordingly.

For more information or to order late tags, visit:
<https://wilson.agrilife.org/4-h/livestock-shows/>

STATE FAIR SWINE VALIDATION

When: June 21 2021 @ 10 a.m.
Where: Wilson County Expo Center
435 TX-97, Floresville
LATE Tags: \$35 now thru June 3, 2021
\$50 day of validation

All exhibitors wishing to participate at the State Fair of Texas with Market Swine and/or Breeding Gilts MUST validate the animal.

NOTE: The State Fair of Texas does participate in the Breeding Gilt Validation program, so please make breeding gilt orders accordingly.

For more information or to order late tags, visit:
<https://wilson.agrilife.org/4-h/livestock-shows/>

HEIFER VALIDATION

When: June 21, 2021 4-6 p.m.
Where: Wilson County Expo Center
435 TX-97, Floresville

Order Online: [CLICK HERE](#)

Heifer exhibitors planning to show at State Fair and/or Heart of Texas MUST validate the animal in June. All other exhibitors for any other major show, WCJLS, or LVJLS may validate at this time as well or wait until October.

NOTE: Once validated, heifers remain eligible through their show career unless they change breed or ownership. There is no need to re-validate a heifer if breed or ownership is not being changed.

If you are also validating steers, please bring ALL your cattle on June 21, 2021.

STEER VALIDATION

When: June 21 & 22, 2021 4-6 p.m.
Where: Wilson County Expo Center
435 TX-97, Floresville

LATE Tags: \$50 (now thru validation)

Steer exhibitors planning to attend any Major Livestock Shows (State Fair, San Antonio, Houston, etc.), Wilson County Junior Livestock Show, and/or La Vernia Junior Livestock Show MUST validate the animal.

If you are also validating a heifer please bring ALL your cattle on June 21, 2021.

For more information, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/4-h/livestock-shows/#Important-Dates>

District Updates

DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

When: June 16-17, 2021

Where: Dripping Springs

Horses MUST to be State validated to show!

Dates and location are subject to change. More information will be announced soon. Check the District website for updates: <https://d104-h.tamu.edu/district-events-activities/horse-show/>

LEADERSHIP LAB

When: June 23-25, 2021

Where: Brownwood, TX

SAVE THE DATE!

Note for County Council: Newly elected officers are expected to attend. If you plan to run for office next year, please keep this in mind!

DISTRICT RECORDBOOK ENTRIES

When: June 29, 2021

Where: [4-HOnline](#)

For those that qualify to compete at District, online entries are due in 4-HOnline.

NOTE: Qualifying District Recordbooks (hard copy) are due July 6, 2021 by 5 p.m.

State Updates

TEXAS 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

Registration Deadline: May 10, 2021

Registration Fee: \$50 per contestant

When: June 20-21, 2021

Where: Texas 4-H Center
Lake Brownwood

Consists of 10 events where teams compete to earn point for overall high point position. A team consists of exactly 2 members within the same age division and gender class. Teams compete in all 10 events during one weekend competition. Participants will learn and practice various outdoor education activities from fishing and shooting to camping and biologist skills.

For more information, visit: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>

AG ID & CUPCAKE WAR CONTESTS

When: May 23, 2021

Where: Beeville, TX

For more information, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/BeeCounty4H/photos/a.761454060574979/3899110603475960/>

STATE 4-H ROUNDUP

2021 Theme: Aspire to Inspire

Entry Deadline: May 12, 2021 [ONLINE](#)

To host primary aspects of Texas 4-H Roundup in 2021, the Texas 4-H Youth Development program has made the decision that **we will not be able to offer Intermediate contest opportunities this year.** While this was a tough decision to make, we felt that because of the limitations regarding facilities and capacity due to Covid-19 social distancing restrictions, we needed to focus our efforts on opportunities for our Senior level (9th – 12th grade) 4-H members. This could be the last Texas 4-H Roundup for many of our Senior level 4-H members while our middle school 4-H members have many more years of events to look forward to in the future. We look forward to what we hope to be a more traditional Texas 4-H Roundup in 2022 where our Intermediate 4-H youth will have the opportunity to participate.

For more information, visit:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

2021 NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

Application Due: May 20, 2021 [ONLINE](#)

Who: Youth in grades 9-12 as of event

When: November 26-30, 2021

Where: Atlanta, Georgia

Applications will open on May 1st, 2021 and must be submitted online and certified through [4HOnline](#) by May 20th. There will be no fee for this application to be completed online.

The final delegation will be announced Thursday, June 10, 2021.

State Updates

4-H WILDLIFE CAMP

Registration Deadline: June 14, 2021

When: June 16-18

Who: Grades 3-12

This camp is for any youth wanting to learn more about wildlife and about stewardship in Texas.

For more information, visit: <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/files/2021/02/Wildlife-Camp-003.pdf>

APERTURE ACADEMY

Registration Deadline: June 14, 2021

When: June 16-19

Who: Grades 5-8

This photography camp is geared for beginners and promises hands-on learning in a fun camp atmosphere. Limited spots available!

For more information, visit: <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/>

TEEN VOLUNTEER CAMP COUNSELOR

!!TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are looking for senior level 4-H members who have an interest in mentoring younger youth in our 4-H Camp Programs.

4-H camp programs occur at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Lake Brownwood, TX. Please submit applications by May 10, 2021.

For more information visit: <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/about-2/employment/>

FAYETTE COUNTY FAIR FOOD CHALLENGE

Entry Deadline: July 12, 2021

When: July 26, 2021

Cost: \$30 per team

The Fayette County Fair Food Challenge is open to any Texas 4-H, FFA or FCCLA member. The Fayette County Fair Food Challenge will follow the most current Texas 4-H Food Challenge guidelines: [HERE](#)

More information, visit: <http://counties.agrilife.org/wilson/files/2021/04/Fayette-Co-Food-Challenge.pdf>

MAKE YOUR OWN

Hummingbird Feeder



ABOUT THE ACTIVITY

In this activity you will use materials you can find around the house – or at a local hardware or craft store – to make your very own hummingbird feeder.

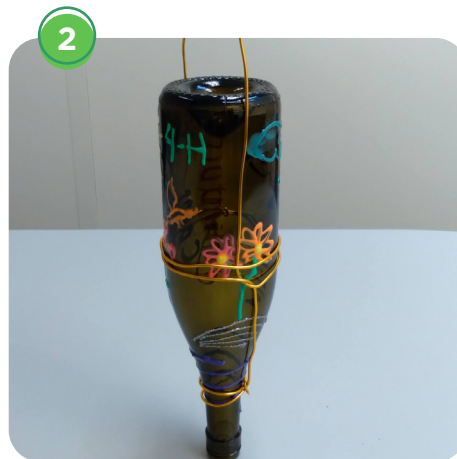
MATERIALS

- Recycled wine bottle—remove label
- Several bright-colored puffy paints
- Cork stopper-sipper
- Decorative wire—12 gauge
- Disposable table covering



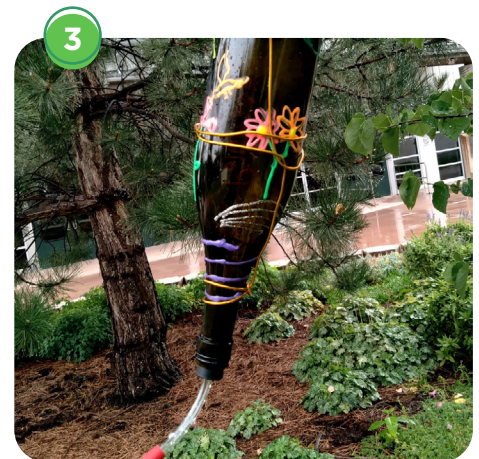
STEP 1:

Prepare a disposable table covering under your project. Stand the bottle nose down, and begin to paint any design you choose. Set aside to dry.



STEP 2:

Wrap the wire twice around the nose of the bottle. Then, move the wire up to the middle of the bottle and make two wraps. Then thread your end through the wraps and then make a loop at the top, then go back down the other side and back to the wraps and tie the wire off.



STEP 3:

Fill the bottle with homemade nectar (recipe on pg. 6). Close with the stopper and hang in a semi-shaded area near bright colored flowers.

Source: <https://www.thoughtco.com/fascinating-facts-about-butterflies-1968171>

HOW TO

Make Nectar

HOW TO ATTRACT HUMMERS

There are many ways to attract hummingbirds to your location. One of the ways is to plant native flowers and plants. Another way is to set up feeders with a sugary nectar to provide them a food source. Try to position your feeders away from potential predators such as snakes, raccoons, and even praying mantises. Position feeders at least 15 feet away from windows to keep hummers from flying into them. Keep them away from the hot afternoon sun to keep the feeder contents from fermenting and getting spoiled. If you plan on having more than one feeder in your yard, keep them out of sight from each other since hummingbirds are territorial.

ACTIVITY STEPS

- Bring 1 cup of water to boil
 - Add 1/4 cup of white granulated sugar
 - Stir until dissolved
 - Boil this mixture for 2 minutes (this will help keep the nectar from spoiling too quickly)
 - Set aside to cool
 - Pour into a clean hummingbird feeder.
- *For larger recipes add 4 parts of water to 1 part of sugar.

i Nectar can be stored for up to two weeks in the fridge.

DO'S and DON'TS

Do not use honey, as this can cause an infection to the hummers and make them sick. Don't use artificial sweeteners, since they have no nutritional value. Avoid red dyes most are unhealthy. Clean your feeder once a week. Dispose of unused nectar.

WATER

Birds love moving water and need a year-round source of fresh water. The ideal depth is 1 to 3 inches for both drinking and bathing. A sloped, shallow water source with rocks and a rough surface to grip onto works best. Be sure to empty and refill this daily.

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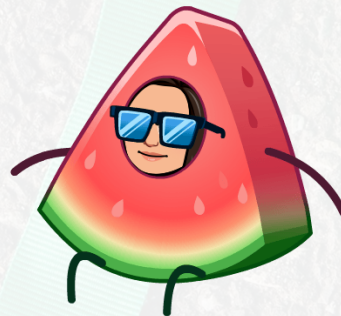
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